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GENEVA FOR TELATT

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SUBJECT: UPU: MEETING WITH GENEVA GROUP AND UPU OFFICIALS

REF: GENEVA 1355 NOTAL

1. REFTEL REPORTS TELATT GENEVA HAS APPOINTMENT THURSDAY, MARCH 3, TO MEET WITH UK DCM IN BERN, PATRICK GRIER.

GRIER SUGGESTS MAY 9 FOR NEXT UPU GENEVA SUBGROUP MEETING AND ASKS US VIEWS ON AGENDA. FOLLOWING MEETING GRIER AND FRIEDLAND INTEND CALL ON UPU DIRECTOR GENERAL SOBHI AND HIS DEPUTY SCOTT.

2. USPS WOULD PREFER GENEVA SUBGROUP MEETING BE HELD EARLIER THAN MAY 9 (COMMITTEE MEETINGS BEGIN MAY 2). MAY 9 IS PARTICULARLY BAD DAY FOR US AS COMMITTEE 5 MEETING THAT

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MORNING IS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO US. PREFER A MORNING MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, ALTHOUGH ANY MORNING FROM MONDAY, MAY 2 THROUGH THURSDAY, MAY 5 WOULD BE BETTER THAN MAY 9. PLEASE ADVISE.

3. NO SUBSTANTIVE EC DOCUMENTS HAVE YET BEEN RECEIVED. THEREFORE, AGENDA SUGGESTIONS MUST BE MADE WITHOUT BENEFIT

OF INFORMATION WHICH MAY CALL FOR REVISION AT LATER DATE.

4. YOU MAY PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS TO GRIER
WITH OUR COMMENTS:

A) UPU BUDGETS 1977 AND 1978. PRESUME THAT JAPANESE
FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WOULD LEAD DISCUSSION AS USUAL
AND WOULD HOPE EMPHASIS COULD BE PLACED ON ANY UNUSUAL
INCREASES OR ANY INDICATIONS THAT INTERNATIONAL BUREAU IS
USING LAUSANNE CEILING AS A TARGET.

B) CURRENT STATUS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO UPU (TO INCLUDE NEW
MEMBERS AND ANY CHANGES IN CONTRIBUTION UNITS).

C) LAUSANNE CONGRESS RESOLUTION C-85 (ARGENTINE SUGGESTION
FOR SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON POSTAL DEVELOPMENT): THE FRG
(OR POSSIBLY THE UK) MIGHT REPORT ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY PARTICIPATE IN THE WORKING GROUP
DEALING WITH THIS ITEM.

D) STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW LANGUAGE SYSTEM FOR
DOCUMENTS. (THE UK AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION
SERVICE GROUP MAY WISH TO REPORT ON THIS, INCLUDING THE
OTHER LANGUAGES AS WELL.)

E) TERRITORIAL MEMBERSHIP AND RESPONSE TO QUESTIONNAIRE.
THE US HAS GIVEN NOTICE OF RENUNCIATION OF ITS SECOND
MEMBERSHIP (WHICH WILL EXPIRE JANUARY 1, 1978) AND
INFORMED THE UPU THAT IT WOULD NOT BE PROPER TO PASS ON
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THE UPU QUESTIONNAIRE ON THIS SUBJECT TO THE GOVERNMENTS
OF THE NON-SELF-GOVERNING AREAS UNDER US SOVEREIGNTY OR
JURISDICTION.

F) FILLING OF THREE VACANT P-5 POSITIONS. USPS HAS NO
QUALIFIED CANDIDATE TO OFFER. FYI: WE UNDERSTAND DAVID
BULLOCK OF CANADA WILL LIKELY BE THE QUOTE NORTH AMERICAN
CANDIDATE. END QUOTE

5. YOU MAY INFORM SOBHI/SCOTT THAT ED STOCK HAS SIGNED
OFF ON A LETTER TO SOBHI REQUESTING THAT UPU SEND DOCUMENTS
TO GENEVA AS WAS EARLIER AGREED UPON. WE ENCOURAGE THE
UPU TO IMPLEMENT THIS REQUEST AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE
MOMENT.

6. IN GENERAL, WE WOULD FIND IT USEFUL TO OBTAIN THINKING
OF SOBHI/SCOTT ON THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THESE PROPOSED
AGENDA ITEMS. WE PARTICULARLY ARE INTERESTED IN ANY
THOUGHTS THEY MAY HAVE REGARDING THE LIKELY COURSE OF

DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE EC MEETING REGARDING THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE AND THE QUESTIONNAIRE WHICH WAS AUTHORIZED AT LAST YEAR'S MEETING. SOME MONTHS AGO WE UNDERSTOOD THAT

VERY FEW MEMBER STATES HAD REPLIED - AT LEAST NOT BEFORE THE ORIGINAL NOVEMBER 30 DEADLINE. FOR OUR PART WE SEE THE ISSUE AS DEAD, AS WE HAVE RENOUNCED THE SEPARATE MEMBERSHIP AND INFORMED THE UPU THAT IN THE FUTURE THOSE AREAS ONCE COVERED UNDER THE SEPARATE MEMBERSHIP WILL, BE COVERED UNDER ARTICLE 23 OF THE UPU CONSTITUTION.

7. WE ASSUME THAT YOU AND GRIER ARE MEETING WITH SOBHI AND SCOTT AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE US AND UK AND THAT THE UPU HAS NOT CHANGED ITS POLICY OF NON-RECOGNITION OF THE GENEVA SUBGROUP.

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